

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Applicant: | Devin LEAKE | Examiner: | Amy Hudson BOWMAN |
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 15, 2009. This Amendment and Response is the required submission for the accompanying Request For Continued Examination filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Reconsideration and further examination are hereby requested.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing Of The Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Response begins on page 4 of this paper.